

A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at the Administration Office. Dr. Shea called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Dr. Shea, Mrs. Brody, Mr. Ramsden, Mr. Fuller, Ms. Teitz, Dr. McIntyre, Mr. Tarro and Mr. Messore. Mr. Guida was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Katie Miller led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Achievement Recognition

Dr. McIntyre commended the Girls Varsity Field Hockey Team for winning the state championship.

Dr. McIntyre congratulated two high school students, John Black and Feifan Zhou, who participated in a piano and organ concert at the Barrington Presbyterian Church to raise funds to benefit the music program at Barrington High School and Barrington Presbyterian Church.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Brody moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the minutes of the 11/03/11 regular School Committee meeting as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

Mrs. Brody moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session meeting of 11/03/11 as presented. The motion passed 4-0. It was noted that the minutes were sealed and that no votes were taken.

Approval of Financials

Upon review and discussion of the October financial expenditures:

Mrs. Brody moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to adopt and approve the monthly expenditures for October in the amount of \$3,386,015.42. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Tarro noted that the projected Out of District category in our budget is projected to be overexpended by approximately \$200,000 and that he will try to make up the difference in other categories.

Information and Proposals

An update on the status of all school facilities was presented by Dr. McIntyre. He noted that he and Mr. Tarro met with officials from RIDE last week and that there will be no consideration of

any new buildings until 2014. He stated this will give us more time to work on the lengthy construction process needed to possibly build a

new middle school at a later date. He stated that the only items considered for approval will be emergency repairs dealing specifically with the health and safety of the students and staff. He will be meeting with all the administrators and representatives from SMMA next week to compile a list of items that are determined necessary to address specifically any health and safety issues. Questions were asked by the Committee regarding various aspects of this issue.

An overview of data teams and how the use of data supports all learners was made. Mr. Messore presented an overview of this initiative which focuses on how all forms of data are analyzed to help improve student learning. The following individuals focused on various aspects of this initiative: Kristen Matthes focused on the elementary schools; Megan Medeiros focused on the Middle School; Mark Davis focused on the High School; and Katie Miller focused on the entire district. A power point presentation was used as the basis of their presentation. Much discussion took place regarding various aspects of this initiative. The Committee thanked all the presenters for their outstanding presentation.

General Public Discussion and Information

No issues were raised at this time.

Old Business from Superintendent and Staff

Dr. McIntyre noted that a pension reform package was passed by the Senate earlier today. He stated he hoped to have more information by the next meeting to see the impact this package will have on the budget.

A discussion took place regarding various aspects of the strategic planning process. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Superintendent provide them with a draft RFP for a Facilitator for this project at the next meeting. Mrs. Brody noted that she wanted to share resources she received at a recent “Continuous Improvement Conference” with the Committee with regard to the strategic planning process and some possible candidates to be our facilitator.

Mr. Ramsden suggested the Committee have a discussion to start prioritizing the numerous district issues the Committee wants to address.

Old Business from School Committee

No issues were raised at this time.

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New Business from Superintendent and Staff

Mrs. Brody moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the request for a leave of absence from Karen Watson, MS, Social Studies. The motion passed 4-0.

New Business from School Committee

No issues were raised at this time.

Discussion Future Agenda Items

Suggested future agenda items included an update on a possible change in school start times (who will be impacted, will additional buses be necessary, impact on high school athletics, what obstacles there are and how we will deal with them, etc). Other suggested agenda items included a discussion to prioritize the many district issues that need to be addressed such as 1) strategic plan, 2) superintendent search, 3) implementation of common core, 4) budget issues, and 5) hiring of a building administrator.

General Discussion to Guide Future Recommendations

December 1st 7:30 p.m. Executive Session for Personnel

NESDEC

Reorganizational Meeting

Educator Evaluation

General Public Discussion and Information

No issues were raised at this time.

Mrs. Brody moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:55 p.m. and go into Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-5(a)(1), 42-46-5(a)(2) and 42-46-5(a)(5) specifically for: (a) two Personnel matters, (b) Collective Bargaining discussion with respect to NEAB, BEST and United Steelworkers and (c) Administrative Evaluation. The motion passed 4-0.

Mrs. Brody moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. and to seal the minutes and report that no votes were taken. The motion passed 4-0.

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